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SUBJ: GKR PROGRAM OF CONTACTS BEFORE THE 29TH UNGA: AFRICA

REF: STATE 58426

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. A TWO-MAN GKR MISSION, HEADED BY EX-FOREIGN MINISTER KOUN WICK, IS IN PARIS PREPARING FOR A FIVE-WEEK TOUR OF AFRICAN CAPITALS. PURPOSE IS TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR GKR FOREIGN MINISTER KEUKY LIM'S AFRICAN TOUR NEXT JULY AIMED AT STRENGTHENING SUPPORT FOR THE GKR'S UN SEAT AT THE NEXT UNGA. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING PAST FEW DAYS DCM HAS HAD SEVERAL TALKS WITH
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GKR FOREIGN MINISTER KEUKY LIM (WHO RETURNED FROM HIS

SE ASIAN TOUR LATE LAST WEEK), IN REGARD TO LATTER'S PLANS TO TRAVEL TO OTHER REGIONS OF THE WORLD WITH THE AIR OF STRENGTHENING SUPPORT FOR THE GKR'S UNGA SEAT BEFORE THE NEXT UNGA BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER. RESULTS OF TALKS WILL BE REPORTED IN SEVERAL MESSAGES, BY REGION. PRESENT MESSAGE DEALS ONLY WITH AFRICA. IN COURSE OF THESE TALKS DCM FOLLOWED GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFTEL.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID KOUN WICK (EX-FOREIGN MINISTER) DEPARTED FOR PARIS APRIL 7 ON THE FIRST LEG OF A SEVERAL-WEEK MISSION AIMED AT PAVING THE WAY FOR KEUKY LIM HIMSELF TO VISIT A NUMBER OF AFRICAN CAPITALS IN JULY. KOUN WICK WILL SPEND FIRST TWO WEEKS OF HIS JOURNEY IN PARIS, WITH SIDE TRIPS TO LONDON AND PERHAPS ONE OR TWO OTHER EUROPEAN CAPITALS. DURING FOLLOWING FIVE WEEKS HE WILL BE IN AFRICA. ITINERARY IS TO BE WORKED OUT IN EUROPE. KOUN WICK WILL BE ACCOMPANIED TO AFRICA BY SUM VADHANAYU, WHO, IT IS CLAIMED, KNEW A NUMBER OF FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN LEADERS DURING HIS STUDENT DAYS IN PARIS AND HAS ALREADY MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO AFRICA ON OFFICIAL KHMER MISSIONS.

4. THROUGH ITS UN MISSION GKR HAS ALREADY EXTENDED INVITATIONS TO FOREIGN MINISTERS AND HEADS OF PERMANENT UN MISSIONS OF FOLLOWING AFRICAN STATES TO VISIT PHNOM PENH NEXT MAY AND JUNE: RWANDA, LIBERIA, GHANA, LESOTHO AND MALAWI.

5. IN ADDITION TO AFOREMENTIONED COUNTRIES KOUN WICK HOPES TO VISIT THE FOLLOWING: KENYA, IVORY COAST, BOTSWANA, SIERRA LEONE, SWAZILAND, ETHIOPIA, ZAIRE, NIGERIA, UPPER VOLTA, UGANDA AND THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. SUM VADHANAYU ALONE WILL VISIT TUNISIA.

6. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID GKR IS MAKING TENTATIVE PLANS TO SET UP THREE NEW EMBASSIES TO BE LOCATED IN FOLLOWING COUNTRIES:

A. ANGLOPHONE WEST AFRICA: IN NIGERIA, GHANA,
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B. EAST AFRICA: KENYA

C. SOUTHERN AFRICA: MALAWI

7. FOREIGN MINISTERS OF IVORY COAST AND GHANA GOVERNMENTS HAD ALREADY INDICATED THAT HE COULD PAY THEM VISITS IN JULY (WE NOTE THAT HIS INFO ON IVORY COAST DOES NOT TALLY WITH THAT IN ABIDJAN'S 2732).

8. IN REPLY TO KEUKY LIM'S REQUEST FOR U.S. DIPLOMATIC ASSISTANCE IN VARIOUS CAPITALS CONCERNED, DCM PROVIDED ASSURANCES THAT WE WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE BUT WITH NOTE THAT IN SOME CASES OPEN U.S. PROMOTION MIGHT NOT BE HELPFUL. IN THOSE CASES PERHAPS OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES COULD HELP. FOREIGN MINISTER AGREED THAT GKR WOULD MAKE THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS, REVIEW THEM WITH OUR EMBASSY IN PARIS, AND AS APPROPRIATE BE IN TOUCH WITH U.S. EMBASSIES IN LONDON AND IN THE CAPITALS VISITED. DCM OBSERVED THAT WE NO LONGER HAND A MISSION IN KAMPALA AND EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT KOUN WICK WOULD BE ACCORDED FRIENDLY RECEPTION THERE. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, KEUKY LIM SAID GKR WAS SEEKING THE AID OF OTHER FRIENDS, INCLUDING ITS ASIAN NEIGHBORS (SOME OF WHOM ARE NOT WELL REPRESENTED IN AFRICA), WHO HAD PROMISED HIM, ON HIS RECENT SE ASIAN TOUR, TO "EXPLAIN THE FACTS OF THE KHMER SITUATION" TO GOVERNMENTS THAT DID NOT SUPPORT THE REPUBLIC. FOR EXAMPLE ROKS HAD UNDERTAKEN TO HELP IN ZAIRE AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC.

9. DCM GAVE THE NAME OF FSO MARK PRATT AS APPROPRIATE CONTACT POINT FOR KOUN WICK IN EMBASSY PARIS.

10. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS.

A. THAT STATE 58426 (NODIS) BE REPEATED TO PARIS AND LONDON.

B. THAT THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE WIDENING OF DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE CABLES THIS SUBJECT TO EXDIS FOR LIMDIS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE LATERAL COMMUNICATION AMONG VARIOUS POSTS CONCERNED.

C. THAT OUR EMBASSY IN PARIS GET IN TOUCH WITH KOUN WICK, IF HE HAS NOT ALREADY ESTABLISHED CONTACT, AND ASSIST HIM AS
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